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1. A Militia post composed of one master sergeant acting as the chief of the detail, one sergeant, deputy chief and simultaneously political NCO, and three NCOs, was stationed in Targu Carbunesti (R 23/24/V 61) in July 1949. This detail was assigned to a "Militia Sector" located in the same building of the village. The "Militia Sector", the command and control organ for several Militia posts, was assigned to the Militia Comitete Headquarters.
2. The members of the rural Militia made up a professional police corps. Politically reliable regular officers and NCOs of the former gendarmerie (rural police) had been taken over by the Militia. The incorporation into the rural Militia was made dependent on a two-year term of service with the armed forces, a proletarian descent, membership in the Romanian Worker's Party, and attendance of at least four classes of an elementary school.
3. Candidates who complied with these conditions underwent three months' special training. In the Summer of 1949 there were training schools for Militia NCOs in Bucharest, Constanta (R 53/54/E 71), Dragasani (R 33/34/B 27), Timisoara (R 16/T 91), Oradea Mare (R 48/I 65) and Iasi.
4. The service uniform of the Militia was made of a dark blue cloth. It was cut like army uniforms. Officers and NCOs wore a belt and a crossbelt. The epaulets were bordered by a 1-cm silver strip and crossed by yellow cloth braids, with corporals wearing one, sergeants two, and first sergeants three braids. Master sergeants wore three cloth designs shaped like a "V", worn with points up. The epaulets of the

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officers were red. The cap worn by members of the Militia was blue, it had a red ribbon with the coat of arms of the republic.

5. So-called "alert battalions" of the Militia were still in existence. Such battalions were stationed in Arad (R 16/U 16), Timisoara, Cluj (R 26/L 81), Mizil (R 45/V 00) and Constanta. These battalions had a greater strength than corresponding army units. They were equipped with all light and heavy infantry weapons. Most of the members of these battalions were equipped with submachine guns.

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